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In re Application of	x :
READING BROADCASTING, INC.,	: MM DOCKET NO. 99-153 : FILE NO. BRCT-940407KF
For Renewal of License of Station WTVE (TV),	: : :
Channel 51, Reading, Pennsylvania,	: :
and	:
ADAMS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION,	: FILE NO. BPCT-940630KG
For Construction Permit.	: x
	 Washington, D.C.
	Friday, November 12, 1999
TELEPHONE DEPOSITION OF:	
MILTON I	PODOLSKY,
a witness, was called for	e examination by counsel for
Reading Broadcasting, Inc	c., pursuant to Notice and
agreement of the parties	as to the time and date,
taken at the offices of F	Holland & Knight, 2000 K
Street, N.W., Washington,	D.C., commencing at
10:45 A.M., Friday, Novem	nber 12, 1999, before



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1	Elaine A. Merchant, a Registered Professional
2	Reporter and Notary Public in and for the District
3	of Columbia, when were present on behalf of the
4	respective parties:
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16	Witness: Page:
17	MILTON PODOLSKY (via telephone)
18	Examination by Mr. Hutton 3
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      THEREUPON,
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                        MILTON PODOLSKY,
      called as a witness, and after having been duly
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      sworn, testified as follows:
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                           EXAMINATION
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                 BY MR. HUTTON:
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                 Mr. Podolsky, would you state your name
      and address for the record?
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                 Milton Podolsky.
                 Do you want the permanent residence?
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                 Yes, please.
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                 Or where I am now?
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                 Permanent residence, please.
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                 17763 Deauville, D-E-A-U-V-I-L-E, Lane,
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      Boca Raton, Florida 33496.
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           Q
                 Mr. Podolsky, because we're operating on
      a speaker phone, there may be times when you can't
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      understand me correctly. Or I just may ask a
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      question you don't understand. In either event,
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      please feel free to ask me to restate the question
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      or rephrase the question.
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And if Mr. Cole states an objection to

- any of my questions, please wait until we've
- 2 resolved the issue before responding to the
- 3 question.
- 4 And if you need to take a break at any
- 5 time, feel free to ask for a break and we can resume
- 6 at your convenience.
- 7 What position do you hold with Adams
- 8 Communications?
- 9 A A limited partnership.
- 10 Q I think Adams is a corporation.
- 11 A Then I'm an investor.
- 12 Q Do you know if you're an officer or
- 13 director?
- 14 A I am not an officer or director. That I
- 15 would know.
- 16 Q Do you know approximately what your stock
- 17 interest is?
- 18 A Approximately about 7 percent.
- 19 Q And how was that percentage arrived at?
- 20 A If I recall correctly, that's what Bob
- 21 Haag said he had for me.
- Q When were you first approached about

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joining Adams Communications?
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- 2 A I can't tell you the time when they first
- organized or I guess when they decided to proceed.
- 4 Time is very bad right now with me. It's got to be
- 5 years, two years, three years.
- 6 Q I understand.
- Just for frame of reference, the
- 8 application was filed in June of 1994.
- 9 A Honest to God?
- 10 Q What's that?
- 11 A I said honest to God?
- 12 Q Yeah.
- 13 A I quess whenever they called for --
- 14 whenever they started up the partnership, when they
- 15 called me up and said would you like to join us.
- 16 That's the day I started. So whenever they did
- 17 that, that would be it. But I honestly can't give
- 18 you that.
- 19 Q And what did they tell you about why they
- were forming Adams Communications?
- 21 A They asked me if I would like to go into
- 22 an investment. I don't know if it was an investment

- 1 even. Into a deal with them. That they had 7
- 2 percent for me. And I said yes. At that time, I
- 3 don't even think I knew what the name was. That's
- 4 the way we all are.
- 5 Q We've been using they and we?
- 6 A We is me, Milton Podolsky. They is I
- 7 generally talk about Haag and on occasion Howie
- 8 Gilbert, but that's it.
- 9 Q And what was described as the purpose of
- 10 Adams Communications or the new entity that was
- 11 being formed?
- 12 A Pardon me?
- 13 Q What was described as the purpose of the
- 14 new entity that was being formed?
- 15 A I don't know. I really don't know. At
- 16 that time?
- 17 O Yes.
- 18 A At that time, I don't think I was told
- anything except that they were proceeding. I don't
- 20 recall. I don't think there was anything. They
- just asked me if I wanted to join.
- Q But join what?

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1 A A group.
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- 2 That's a good question.
- I guess it was concerned about the public
- 4 air rights of the people.
- 5 Q Which people?
- 6 A Who knows what people. The public.
- 7 Q The public where?
- 8 A The public that would listen to those
- 9 stations.
- 10 Q Which stations?
- 11 A I have no idea.
- 12 Q Do you know if they were talking about --
- 13 A You're asking me things I don't remember
- 14 because I don't think we had all these
- 15 conversations.
- Q Well, you agreed to invest in a company
- 17 with them?
- 18 A Right. And they invest in real estate.
- 19 I didn't go through the whole package. They said
- we're going to buy a building, do you want to join
- 21 us.
- 22 Q All right. But at least in that case you

- 1 would know you were going to buy a building. Do you
- 2 know what the new group --
- 3 A I'm not too sure that I knew that we were
- 4 buying something as much as we were interested in
- 5 the fact that there certainly was a lack of -- what
- is the right word -- responsibility to use the air
- 7 rights for the proper causes. And that's about all
- 8 I can tell you because that makes sense.
- 9 Q And why was that a matter of interest or
- 10 concern to you?
- 11 A I don't know.
- Do that again.
- 13 Q What's that?
- 14 A Do that again.
- Q Why was that a matter of interest or
- 16 concern to you?
- 17 A Because Bob Haag was going into it solely
- and purely. Whether it was specific duty or
- operations or whatever he wanted to do, I would join
- 20 him.
- 21 Q And did you agree to join based on your
- 22 past experience with Mr. Haag?

- 1 A I don't think so. My past experience
- with him as an individual with everything we did,
- 3 with our relationship?
- 4 Q Well, no, I was referring --
- 5 A You've got to be specific.
- 6 Q Okay. I'm sorry.
- 7 Did you decide to invest with him in the
- 8 new venture based on a previous past experience in
- 9 the television business?
- 10 A I might have. I'm not sure what I
- 11 thought about at the time. I just knew that he was
- 12 going into it. I don't even think I thought that
- 13 was a great investment at that time as much as it
- 14 was a great cause.
- 15 Q And when did you first learn that the
- 16 company intended to apply for a station in Reading,
- 17 Pennsylvania?
- 18 A I don't know. When he called me. You're
- 19 asking for dates I can't give you. That's
- 20 repetition. I don't have a date for you.
- 21 Q I understand you don't have a date.
- 22 A When he called me. Whenever that was.

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1 Q In the first call, Reading, Pennsylvania
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- was mentioned; is that correct?
- 3 A I'm trying to think. I don't think I had
- 4 a lot of calls with him. That's a long time ago and
- 5 it was all verbal. I guess he would have mentioned
- 6 it.
- 7 Q Do you recall if he mentioned any other
- 8 possible locations?
- 9 A No, he did not, that I know of.
- 10 Q Did he ever share a business plan with
- 11 you?
- 12 A No.
- 13 Q Did anyone associated with Adams
- 14 Communications ever share a business plan with you?
- 15 A Are you talking about in writing or
- 16 verbally?
- Q Well, let's cover first in writing and
- 18 then verbally.
- 19 A In writing, no. And verbally, no.
- Are you talking about at the beginning?
- Q At any time.
- 22 A A week ago.